## Claims

- 1. A cosmetic comprising the following components (A) and (B):
- (A) L-ascorbic acid 2-phosphate sodium salt,
- (B) one or more compounds selected from the group comprising arginine, urea, and triethanolamine,

wherein the mass ratio of (A):(B) is 1:0.001 to 0.5.

- 2. The cosmetic according to claim 1 further comprising a component (C)
  zinc oxide or a salt which produces an alkali metal ion in water, wherein the mass ratio of (A):(C) is 1:0.001 to 1.
  - 3. The cosmetic according to claim 1 or claim 2 comprising 0.001 to 20 mass% of the component (A).

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- 4. The cosmetic according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the component (B) comprises arginine and urea.
- 5. The cosmetic according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein the salt which
  produces an alkali metal ion in water of the component (C) is potassium chloride or sodium chloride.
  - 6. The cosmetic according to any one of claims 1 to 5 used as an aqueous cosmetic or emulsion cosmetic.

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7. The cosmetic according to any one of claims 1 to 6 having a pH of 7 to 9.

8. The cosmetic according to any one of claims 1 to 7 used as a skin lightening cosmetic or anti-aging cosmetic.